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A Christmas Chat.

No doubt Santa Claus is in bed by this time. He's had a pretty hard time of it this year, any way you look at it. In the first place he has had more youngsters to provide for. They spring up like mushrooms, these youngsters. Of course, Santa Claus is too old and too wise to complain of that, for if the lads and lassies didn't spring up like mushrooms, old Santa would have to go out of business. In the second place, there are more new-fangled toys to lug around—all sorts of queer inventions, with buzzwheels and bangles, and jangles, and contraptions and confutations, as we say in Georgia.

It has come to pass that when a man is good and wants to be truly happy he turns in and invents a new toy or something that will please the children, and the result is that Santa Claus has to make his wallet bigger and bigger each year. That is why we think Santa Claus is in bed and resting by this time. He has had a night of it, and we hope he will have pleasant dreams. The youngsters in this day and time have more toys and better and more beautiful books than Santa Claus could find a half century ago. In fact, there is a surfeit of things intended to arouse the little ones, but those who have grown up and have children of their own can tell you that the youngsters were just as happy when they had few toys. They were happy just dry. Give 'em a bunch of firecrackers, a tin can and a tin horn, and they asked for nothing more.

Even down to this day and time you will notice that a boy with a tin horn is just as happy as he can be. All that is necessary is that the tin horn should have a loud voice, and if anybody ever saw a tin horn with weak lungs, we'd be glad to have the particulars for publication, together with a photograph of the horn.

There is a tradition in Georgia that the tin horn business originated in Savannah. There was once a mayor of Savannah—it may have been Dr. Arnold, who, though a very brilliant man, was hard-headed when he wanted to be—who concluded to prohibit fireworks in the public squares of that city. So he printed his proclamation to that effect in the newspapers. Colonel William T. Thompson, who wrote "Mayor Jones's Courtship," was editing The News, and he wrote a little paragraph stating that the boys, instead of being angry with the good mayor, should be thankful, and suggesting that each and every lad should buy a tin horn and go around and serenade the mayor.

The idea took like wildfire. Every boy in town bought a tin horn and marched around in the square on which the mayor's house fronted, with the result that the boys had more fun than ever, while the mayor had more Christmas to the square inch than anybody in town, except his next-door neighbors. That afternoon, so the story goes, the mayor set the presses of the town to work and issued a poster proclamation, declaring that the public squares could be used for fireworks, but not for tin horns. Whereupon the square in front of the mayor's house was vacated by the boys, who proceeded to celebrate their victory by forming a procession and marching through the streets blowing their horns.

The tin horn celebration spread to other towns, and throughout the country. It has died out to some extent in Atlanta, but any healthy boy can tell you that there is more Christmas in a tin horn than in anything else that is so cheap. Toys are frail and easily broken, and even the squeaking ones grow dumb, but there is something about a tin horn that preserves its lungs and its interior machinery from destruction. Nobody ever saw a dumb tin horn.

No doubt, as heretofore, there are many little children who will not have even a tin horn this Christmas, and that is the reason some of them refuse to believe in Santa Claus or who think he is an aristocratic old fraud who only visits the houses where there is money to burn. It is a pity that such an idea ever got abroad, and all good men and all good women should make haste to overtake this sad bad rumor, and make an end of it. There is no need of having a brass band to go with you, no need to send a fine to the newspapers announcing that Mr. Filmmann, or Mrs. Filmmann mounted a carriage to convince some of the unfortunate ones that Santa Claus truly understands the spirit of the day we celebrate.

No; just go quietly, and humbly

knock at the door of the humblest dwelling you can find—and, oh, there are so many humble ones to be found—and say to those that open unto you that Santa Claus has come to see you, and to deliver a few parcels for him. And then when you have gone, go back home, shut yourself in your room, and on your bended knees thank the Savior of all that He has given you—the health, the strength and the will to make even one of His little ones happy; and pray that He may preserve you to make even a nobler and a more unselfish celebration of His glorious birth. And above all things, pray that the rich and prosperous in all lands may be brought to open their eyes to the responsibilities resting on them.

A Bird's-Eye View.
In the current issue of Harper's Weekly appear two notable contributions bearing upon different phases of the Cuban question. One is entitled "The Attitude of Spain toward the United States," by Arthur Houghton, the Madrid correspondent of The London News; while the other is from the pen of C. E. Akers, the Havana correspondent of The London Times, and deals with the Cuban uprising.

These articles should be thoughtfully perused not only because of the bird's-eye view of this paramount subject which they furnish in a brief and condensed form but also because of the disinterested and non-partisan spirit in which they are written. Dealing with the various phases of the question from the standpoint of Englishmen, neither correspondent is biased in favor of this country, and yet the light which they throw upon the subject amply justifies the stand taken by the people of the United States.

With respect to the attitude of Spain toward this country, Mr. Houghton states that a bitter feeling of hostility has long existed among the Spaniards. While various causes may no doubt enter into this feeling, the writer ascribes it in a large measure to jealousy and distrust. Spain labors under the idea that both her political and material interests clash with those of the United States in Cuba. On account of the close proximity of the island to the markets of this country she has been in constant fear of losing her Cuban trade, which, until the present uprising, amounted to nearly \$22,000,000 annually. This feeling of jealous apprehension is not of recent birth. It began as far back as the reign of Isabella II when public opinion in Spain directed the United States with having inspired the agitations that resulted in the great Cuban uprising of 1895-7. It is even claimed that the present revolution on the island owes its existence to Cuban refugees in the United States, who have acquired the right of citizenship in this country merely for the purpose of adding the insurgents. With the progress of hostilities during the last few months this hatred has steadily increased until now it constitutes a bond of union between the various political factions of the kingdom.

But while the sympathy existing between the United States and Cuba has had the effect of uniting the political organizations of Spain, there is no disposition on the part of the government, says Mr. Houghton, to engage in a difficulty with this country. Senor Canovas, prime minister to the queen, is hopeful of bringing the Cuban rebellion to a successful issue, and believes that, while the people of the United States are in sympathy with the Cubans, there will be no intervention on the part of the government itself.

Says the writer, in speaking of the prime minister:

He stakes his popularity, the stability of his government, the prestige of his party, on an early success of the military efforts of Spain in Cuba, as he well knows that he has nothing to expect from European diplomacy, European sympathies, and monarchical governments beyond purely platonic wishes of success and unofficial expressions of regret that the courts and cabinets of the old world cannot afford to quarrel with the United States. He discovered this feature of the situation last summer when his minister for foreign affairs, Duke Tetuan, consulted the ambassadors of the great powers on the welcome that a Spanish memorandum on the relations of Spain with Cuba and the United States was likely to meet at the hands of their governments. The memorandum was shelved, not only because it was so coldly received by the representatives of the powers at the summer resort of the Spanish court, San Sebastian, but also owing to the very peremptory representations that were instantly made, on August 12th, to the duke of Tetuan by the United States minister, Mr. Hannin Taylor, as that the Spanish government contemplated making such an appeal to European powers. Since then Don Antonio Canovas has steadily ceased to look to Europe for assistance, and he has trusted to the sole resources of Spain for a final and decisive effort in Cuba, to use his own words.

From the above citation it is evident that Spain is in no condition to engage in a difficulty with the United States. She will do well if she subdues the Cuban and Philippine uprisings; and from present indications she is not equal to either task. In spite of the hopeful views of the prime minister the Spaniards are beginning to realize the gravity of the situation and to doubt the ability of the government to extinguish the revolution in Cuba.

Such in brief is the substance of Mr. Houghton's article. Whatever the attitude of the United States may be in dealing with the Cuban question hereafter, it is satisfied that the consequences of a war with the United States, as to the possibilities of losing Cuba he believes that such a national disaster will not only be a grievous blow to the Spaniards, but that it will also endanger the stability of the empire.

Mr. C. E. Akers, in discussing the Cuban uprising, states that Spain has been a cruel and oppressive ruler. Instead of cultivating the respect and love of her subjects on the island she has inspired them with feelings of hatred and revenge. To each demand for relief which the Cubans have made in

recent years she has responded with increased burdens, and the present revolution therefore is simply the outgrowth of a long series of oppressions.

With respect to the mode of warfare adopted by the Cubans, Mr. Akers states that it does not merit the hasty condemnation so frequently bestowed upon it. He says that the Cubans cannot obtain the means to fight the Spaniards according to the rules of modern warfare, and that being deprived of the use of improved weapons, they are compelled to resort to crude, guerilla tactics.

In explanation of the failure of Spain with 200,000 men to subdue the island, Mr. Akers says that much is due to the defective plan of campaign upon which General Weyler and his predecessors in command have proceeded. Sickness is another complaint which has vexed the Spaniards. Nearly 40,000 men are now confined to the various Spanish hospitals on the island, suffering from malaria and other disorders. As to the outcome of the struggle Mr. Akers makes no prediction although he seems to be deeply impressed with the progress which the Cubans have made. To show how the trade between Cuba and the United States has suffered since the war commenced the writer shows that in 1894 Cuba imported goods from this country to the amount of \$74,488,450 during the first nine months of that year, while for the corresponding months of the present year the imports of the island have aggregated only \$22,726,268. Aside from this injury Mr. Akers further shows that a vast amount of property belonging to Americans in Cuba has been ruthlessly destroyed by the Spaniards and that in justice to her own interests the United States should adopt some measure of protection.

Interesting Vital Statistics.
An interesting feature of the census recently taken in the state of Massachusetts is presented in the record of births, marriages and deaths which have occurred during the year.

With a total population of 2,500,133 the number of births recorded during the period covered by the census is fixed at 67,545. Of this number 34,623 were found to be males and 32,906 females. With respect to nationality, however, only 21,551 were of American percentage.

The marriages for the year numbered 23,102, while death claimed no less than 47,540, of which number 24,175 were males and 23,365 females. Violent causes produced 2,317 of these deaths, including seventy-four homicides, 1,019 from the use of alcohol and 800 from causes unknown or ill-defined.

As to the divorce records, the census shows that 2,110 cases were pending on the 1st of January, 1895, while a much larger number had been disposed of during the twelve months preceding.

These figures are interesting as they show in a relative manner at least the conditions which prevail in other states of the union.

Bryan in Atlanta.
It is gratifying to note that the honors paid to Mr. Bryan by the democrats of Atlanta were not factional in their character. Those who had differed with him as to the best methods of remedying the evils that beset the business and industrial interests of the country, joined with their fellow democrats in doing honor to one of the greatest of modern democrats, a man who is as broad and as catholic in his conceptions and sympathies as the principles of the democratic party, which concerns itself with the welfare of all the people without regard to party, class or condition.

It was a fitting moment for all democrats to lay aside their differences and come together for the purpose of paying tribute to a man who is the most typical political leader of his time and the most unselfish advocate of the people's cause, and our citizens took advantage of it. Gold and silver men joined together to welcome Mr. Bryan. It was characteristic of the great leader of the party that he should seize the opportunity to declare that he was not wedded to any particular method of reaching the end and aim of democratic government, but would welcome any method that produced the desired result—that result being the prosperity and happiness of the people. This is democracy of the highest type—the end and the means.

The illustration of this is simple. If the republicans can restore prosperity to the people, the result will warrant the means employed, and whatever legitimate and just method is used to bring that result about will be endorsed by Mr. Bryan, the democratic party and all the people. It is for this reason that the Constitution has been urging the republicans to get together and convince the people that their methods of reform will accomplish what they are pledged to accomplish. People may differ about these methods, but there will be no difference about them if they succeed in doing what the republicans say they will. The money question—silver and gold, or gold alone—is not worth talking about merely as a theory. The great object and aim of the contention on both sides is to restore prosperity to the people.

Santa Claus expects the rich and prosperous to help him out at this season. Why not put your name down as one of his walking delegates?

Just think of it! The time will soon come to turn over a new leaf.

If The Constitution's good wishes will help you out, you are having a merry Christmas this day.

We hope Mr. McKinley believes in Santa Claus.

It is so easy to forget the little children of the poor that we hope Santa Claus keeps a memorandum book.

The way to be happy is to make other people happy.

JUST FROM GEORGIA.

The Little Waifs.

We won't have no Christmas.
To come an' make us glad.
'Cos we ain't got no mother.
Ner father—like we had.
It don't come to no place like this—
We's orphans—that's thees what we is!

But Johnny—he's too little
To know our parents' dead;
An' he then waits for Santa Claus
An' hears him on the shed:
An' he's hung them stocks or his,
Thees like folks knowed wher orphans is!

But Sis an' me—we's older,
An' we thees keep awake
An' ask God, please an' Santa Claus
'Ofer for Johnny's sake.
'Cos he's done hung them stocks or his,
Thees like God knowed wher orphans is!

The Major's Excuse.

"Too bad! The major sends word that he won't be out today, having decided to spend Christmas at home with his family."
'Yes; I know all about that. He got full last night, and his wife locked him in for a week!"

Fall To!
Talk not of Spain, and Spaniards—
Thee furthest battle charge,
For the lid is off the oven
And the appetite is large!

"Delightful Christmas weather," said the recorder, rubbing his hands, "but if some of the boys don't watch out they'll get thirty days of it!"

A Christmas Tragedy.

Don't know if they'll try him
In the courts or not;
Johnny fired the cannon—
Daddy wuz half-shot!

Don't be afraid of overloading the Christmas tree. There is no danger of your being crushed under a weight of happiness.

Having given the state its Christmas presents it is fitting the legislature should take a day off and have a happy time at home.

A Parenthetical Welcome.

Ring, Christmas bells!
(That's the uncle coming. Listen how he yells!)
Thee glad news
(That fiddle makes the old man shake his shoe!)

'O'er hills and rills!
(Where's the wifely staves off all the chills.)
'O'er land and sea.
(Where's the grandmas dancing—lively as can be!)

From Shore to shore!
(There's the Sallie's sweetest standing in the door!)

Ring high and low!
(She's kissed him, and the girls are crying, "Oh!")

Uncle Sam makes the country a Christmas present of another cruiser. And this one can float.

A Holiday Obituary.

This life that we're a-livin' still
Is of a curious sort;
Under this stone lies Colonel Gill,
Who always drank a quart.

It is somewhat paradoxical, but—the moonshine still is getting pretty noisy.

A Juvenile Humorist.

"Gilt any presents this year, Jimmy?"
"No—only dad."
"Why not?"
"Lol! One man give him a bottle of whiskey, an' 'nuther man give him thirty days!"

We're all "green" when it comes to Christmas, and the little fellows are the confidence men.

Ducks are higher than usual this Christmas, but the duck of the administration are drawing to a close.

It is the blast of the "little tin horn," and you may as well surrender! F. L. S.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

From the recent annual report of the commissioner general of immigration it appears that 2,739 foreigners landed in the United States during the year ending June 30, 1896. Of this number there were sent back 2,000 paupers, 776 contract laborers and ten lunatics, making a total of 2,786 foreigners who were sent back to their native land. With respect to illiteracy there were 5,066 immigrants unable to write and 7,139 absolutely ignorant. These figures are sufficient in themselves to show the necessity of a more efficient measure. The Lodge bill, which recently passed the senate, bears directly upon the subject of immigration, and is one of the most efficient measures enacted during the present session of congress.

Several months ago an observatory was erected on the mountain of Mount Blanc, in Switzerland, for the purpose of forestalling the conditions of the weather. On account of the success which has attended this experiment a similar observatory is being erected by Italian scientists on Mount Rosa. Queen Margherita, herself an expert mountaineer, supports the project by a donation of \$80,000. The Italian Alpine Club, the ministers in their private capacity, and the physical faculty of the University of Turin figure among its chief contributors. It is intended to utilize the hut on the Grinfetti peak, built three years ago as a shelter for climbers, and since visited by the queen, who bestowed her name on the modest structure. Situated at a height of about 14,000 feet above sea level, it will, as regards elevation, rank fourth among the twenty-seven mountain observatories of the world, and will be the highest in altitude of any of the observatories. It will be built only by those of Areguila, Mont Blanc and Pike's Peak.

"The part paid by the Bank of Spain in floating the new loan destined to provide resources for the continuance of the war in Cuba, says the New York Tribune, has placed that institution in a very awkward position. For, in addition to the immense sum which it has furnished to the government, it has advanced one way and another nearly \$40,000,000 to people who subscribed for the loan. The bank may therefore be said to have found the major portion of the money subscribed. Besides that, it has gathered the tribute right and left, and is now in a position to call the names of the witnesses and others wanted three times at the courthouse door. It is tax-collecting time, and Sheriff Napier was out gathering the tribute right and left. The judge sent for him to call some witnesses, and he failed to respond; another request and several more for his presence were disregarded, till finally the sheriff came. "Why are you not here to attend the court?" asked the judge. "Because I am busy collecting taxes," was the response. "If you leave this room again I'll fine you," said the judge. "If that's your game," retorted the sheriff, "I'll abandon your court; you are getting too big for your breeches, say they," and with the usual "Oh, yes, oh, yes," etc., he proceeded to do so. The judge had to submit, and Sheriff Napier went out to collect the tax."

VAN DERBILT IS NEARLY WELL.

Has Almost Recovered but Will Never Return to Active Work.

New York, December 24.—Cornelius Vanderbilt is rapidly recovering from the paralytic stroke from which he suffered last summer.

He is now able to use his right arm, which was most seriously affected, while the rest of his body is declared to be in almost normal condition again. Mentally, he is said to be as bright and clear as ever. He takes a great deal of walks and rides at times when the weather is not too unfavorable.

He will probably never attempt again to attend to business, at least so closely as he has done for years before his sharp warning that body and brain required rest.



De Chris'mus time done come ergin, an' I see a hobblin' on, Jes' waitin' fur de summons when ole Gabriel blows de horn. Dese days ain't lac' de days we had, an' Chris'mus mighty slim When you sot it side de Chris'mus in de days uv Marster Jim. Seem lac' it happen'd yistiddy instid er fo' de wah, An' I kin shut my eyes an' see jes' what I uster saw. I hear dat bugle footin'; in ole isom done gin out Dat it's Chris'mus in de days—niggers better git erbout.

Here dey come, a scam'lin' to de big hous' mighty swif', Kase dey gwintee set de white fo'ks an' kotch 'em Chris'mus gif'. Dat bull-neck Alick lead de gang, an' Godfrey cros' behin'; Fust come, fust sarved; de jug am full—jes' pass er down de line. Ole Marster come attrottin' out—his head done hist so high Twell you see de Chris'mus aignog fa'ly blazin' in de eye.

"Start dat music up dar, Ephram; fling dat banjo on yo' knee; Sing, 'De Yaller Rose er Texas Beats De Belle er Tennessee.'" Den ole Missis trip out on de porch, timid lak' an' shy Ez a rabbit in de pea patch when de moon's a gittin' high. An' she sot dar kinder laffin', an' hummin' uv de tune, While de niggers cut de buzzard-lope an' dance de gray-raccoon; All a-shoutin', an' cavortin', an' pashawin', jes de same Ez dem folks what's in de circus when de ban' plays—what-cher-name.

But dem days gone, Lucindy; an' de years am flyin' pas' Lac' a pestered drove uv pat'iges what's skeered up tum de grass. Chris'mus ain't no Chris'mus now, an' things am monstrous slim When you sot 'em side de doin' in de days uv Marster Jim. Who dat keep er callin'? I boun' I hearn er yell. Ef dat's de boys, dey's takin' on a pow'ful spreen' spell. Lis'en dar, Lucindy; dar's dat same soun' come ergin, Lac' sumpin' at de big road gate, an' axin' ter come in.

I hear de soun' uv hosses' huffs. Who's ridin' out to-night? De wedder's pow'ful breezy-an' de moon am sca'ce uv light. Dar dey is, Lucindy; dey's knockin' at de do'! Fo' God; it's a white man dat I neder seed befo'!

Sarvant, Marster! Yas, sah; my name is Uncle Eph. Ole Marster call me dat fur short, an' udders tuk de lief. Belonged to Mister Cranston? How come you ax me dat? Co'se I see a Cranston nigger, fum de shoes up to de hat. Why, bress de Lord! Am dat de tru? Lucindy, dis am him! De dead done come ter life ergin—my little Marster Jim!

Sot yo'se' afo' de fire. Lord, de glory hallelu! Is dese here eyes a-seen' right? Young Marster, am dat you? Done bin up wid de yankee folks an' gittin' pow'ful rich? Dat what you say? In de kingdom-kum, I neder hearn er rich. Come back bekase you had a kinder hankerin' an' er grief Ter see de Souf an' sing ergin a song wid Uncle Eph? Hear all dat, Lucindy? How come you standin' dere Grinnin' lac' er 'possum wid yer mouf fum ear ter ear?

Footched all dis truck fum me, you say? Young Marster, you's a sight! Jes' lac' dat ole man Santa Claus, what prowls on Chris'mus night. An' I 'low dat de Cranston blood is runnin' in yo' hide De same ez in Ole Marster's afo' he tuk an' died. Lucindy, bring dat banjo down. Dar's Chris'mus in my soul! Lac' dat good ole time religion what makes ole Jordan roll. An' it's bleegee ter come er spoutin'. Hist dat halleluja hymn; 'Kase dis day's lac' de Chris'mus in de days uv Marster Jim!

—ALFRED C. NEWELL.

SOME SOUTHERN STORIES.

At Stanford the other day, in the temporary absence of Circuit Judge Saufey, the circuit clerk, Judge John H. Saunders, provided that the sheriff should with a long-drawn-out announcement open and close courts. Judge Wines Bowman was holding the regular term, and in those days it was the duty of the sheriff to call the names of the witnesses and others wanted three times at the courthouse door. It is tax-collecting time, and Sheriff Napier was out gathering the tribute right and left. The judge sent for him to call some witnesses, and he failed to respond; another request and several more for his presence were disregarded, till finally the sheriff came. "Why are you not here to attend the court?" asked the judge. "Because I am busy collecting taxes," was the response. "If you leave this room again I'll fine you," said the judge. "If that's your game," retorted the sheriff, "I'll abandon your court; you are getting too big for your breeches, say they," and with the usual "Oh, yes, oh, yes," etc., he proceeded to do so. The judge had to submit, and Sheriff Napier went out to collect the tax."

A Tramp Printer.

A tramp printer was arrested at Ocala, Fla., Thursday night for having indulged too freely in whisky. When searched \$2.00 was found on his person. He says he is a high-art job printer, has traveled all over the world, and was the first to discover that the back of the head of the female of the head of the British lion, which cut an English engraver designed.

Mr. R. M. Wright, of Elkin, N. C., a very old man, does not know a letter or note in the book. He cannot sing, or even raise the pitch a tune, yet when he sleeps he sings some very beautiful songs in a melodious voice.

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ECHOES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Who knew that the Hobart boom started in Georgia? A Rome man has made this discovery. The story he tells, which is an interesting one, is set forth in the following communication:

"Editor Constitution—Colonel J. W. Vreeland, of Paulding county, claims to be the originator of the Hobart boom in the United States, and all the evidence I can secure confirms his claim.

"Mr. Vreeland is an old resident of New Jersey, where he was a near neighbor and great personal admirer of the vice-president-elect. He always looked upon Mr. Hobart as one of the most brilliant and able men in the whole country. His father and the elder Mr. Hobart were very intimate friends.

"Mr. Vreeland came to Georgia several years ago and purchased some valuable mineral lands in Paulding county, near Dalton. Here he has lived ever since, improving his lands. Since his wife died, a few years ago, he has led a very quiet, reserved life, taking but little stock in public affairs and but little interest in politics. He was never a politician, though a strong republican in principle. When a district convention on the 15th day of last March, he was present and was president of the convention. He was elected delegates to Chicago for vice president. When the time came for selecting delegates, Mr. Vreeland remembered his old neighbor, Mr. Hobart, of New Jersey, and put him in nomination. It struck him at that time that there was no other man in the United States that could fit the place better than Mr. Hobart.

"His name had never been mentioned and when he nominated him, Vreeland did not dream of the victory awaiting his choice. He knew Mr. Hobart to be a good man and nominated him. It seems that no one knew the nomination, but Mr. Vreeland succeeded in securing a great part of the Georgia delegation for his man. The result is well known.

"Mr. Vreeland is very proud of the distinction he has as the man who started the Hobart boom, not only in Georgia, but in the United States.

"Rome, Ga., December 23, 1896.

Where the Honor Belongs.
In a local notice of the governor's signing an important bill passed by the legislature, a mistake as to the author was made. The following note from Dr. Combs explains the mistake, and carries with it the correction which The Constitution is glad to make:

Baxley, Ga., December 23, 1896.—Editor Constitution: In your issue of today occurs a notice of the governor's signing the bill protecting lawyers and doctors, the author of which notice Senator Stewart is named. Having introduced the bill in the senate, this is a mistake. I am the author of the measure, which I believe will prove of great benefit to the profession and much good to the state, financially. I know that The Constitution will only be too glad to correct the error, and give "honor where honor is due." Respectfully, P. H. COMBS, Senator Third District.

Tom Watson's Contest.
Editor Constitution—Has Tom Watson's contest never been decided? I have noticed in the newspapers several notices to the contest as pending. I had thought that it was settled. Please explain.

Savannah, December 23, 1896.

The Watson case is still pending. It is not only before the supreme court, but is acting as a bone of contention between Mr. Watson and Mr. Marion Butler, senator from North Carolina. Butler criticized Watson for making a mistake in the contest. Mr. Watson denies that he made the mistake. He says that he was misled

WILL CARE FOR WOUNDED CUBANS

Dr. Diaz Organizes the White Cross in Atlanta.

TALKS FREELY OF HIS PLANS

Explains the Object of the Society and Talks of Cuba.

WILL MAKE ATLANTA HIS HOME

Next Week the Cuban Refugees Will Hold a Mass Meeting and Pay Tribute to the Memory of the Gallant General Antonio Maceo.

Rev. A. J. Diaz, the Cuban evangelist, has returned to Atlanta after an absence of several weeks in New York city, where he went in the cause of the insurgents. For the present Dr. Diaz will make this city his home, and he is living at No. 164 Washington street with his family.

The mission of Dr. Diaz in Atlanta at this time is to organize and put into operation the White Cross Society, an organization similar to the Red Cross Society, which has become international in its reputation and work under the management of Miss Clara Barton.

The White Cross Society, which is for the purpose of caring for wounded Cubans, has been founded by Dr. Diaz, who has seen from observation and experience the great need of an organization of this character.

On the field of Cuba he has seen wounded patriots and bleeding Spaniards suffering from want of medical attention, and aid, and he has taken an active interest in the founding of the new society, which promises to be perpetual and international.

As soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, Dr. Diaz will rent a suitable building in the center of the city, where he will make the headquarters of the society, and where the medicines and surgical instruments will be kept until they are shipped into the interior of Cuba.

The society which has originated with Dr. Diaz is not confined alone to Cubans, but several prominent citizens of Atlanta have become interested and quite a number of druggists will probably be members of the new organization. The organization has been about completed, but the names of the officers and members have not yet been announced by Dr. Diaz. This he will doubtless do within the next few days.

While in New York Dr. Diaz worked earnestly for the cause of Cuba, and he rendered much aid. The New York philanthropists quickly answered his appeal for help, and by their assistance he was enabled to make several shipments of medicines and surgical instruments to the Cuban hospitals. He decided, however, to make Atlanta the headquarters of the society for the United States, and with that aim in view, left New York last Monday, arriving in Atlanta Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Diaz has quite a lot of medicine at his home on Washington street, which he intends sending to Cuba at an early day. The shipments are made to the port from which a filibustering expedition is about to sail, and the medicines and instruments are received by the Cubans and stored in the vessel.

Dr. Diaz Talks of His Plans.

Dr. Diaz was seen yesterday and asked for the details of the organization of the White Cross Society, which he has formed for the wounded soldiers in Cuba. He said the idea was original with him, but that the society would be very similar to the Red Cross Society, a branch of which is already in Havana and doing effective work in the Spanish camps.

"I have organized the White Cross Society," said Dr. Diaz, "because the wounded soldiers of the insurgent army are not cared for properly. It is to take care of them and to see that they are not starved and that they are not killed by exposure, and I have every reason to believe that I will succeed even more than I at first expected."

"The Red Cross Society is already in existence in Havana, and many wounded Spaniards are cared for by that organization. The Spanish soldiers who are wounded in battle, or who become ill from exposure, are taken into the hospitals and cared for and nursed until they become well. Now, it is intended for the White Cross Society to do for the wounded and suffering Cubans just what is being done for the Spaniards by the Red Cross Society."

"I have received much encouragement both in New York and Atlanta, and in fact everywhere, for I have had many letters from other cities showing that I will have no great difficulty in securing all that I wish for. In the city of Havana I received \$5,000, the subscriptions coming from all classes of persons. My church in the city of Havana has contributed handsomely, and in addition to this, many Spaniards have given me money for the society. There are a few good Spaniards in Cuba—just a few, for the majority of them are bad people and cannot be trusted. But these few good Spaniards I refer to have aided me in my work and have made good contributions."

"The Atlanta druggists and many other citizens have done me much good service, for which I am indeed very grateful. I now have some medicines on hand and expect to be given much more by the good people of Atlanta. One reason that I located in Atlanta is that the city is one of Cuba's best friends and I knew I would be welcome here."

Has Established Forty Hospitals.

Dr. Diaz stated yesterday that already great good had been the result of his labors to secure medical attention for the wounded Cubans.

"We have now on the island forty hospitals, eighty surgeons and physicians and in each hospital about twenty nurses."

HOW MACEO DIED

Dr. Maximino Zertucha Says General's Death Was Caused by Cubans.

LEADER WAS NOT SUPPORTED

Physician Declares the Insurgents Opposed Him.

DEATH SCENE IS DESCRIBED BY SURGEON

Writer Asserts That He Loved the Dead Warrior and That Charges Are Unjust and Untrue.

New York, December 24.—Dr. Maximino Zertucha, during the life of General Antonio Maceo attached to his staff as a surgeon, and after the death of Maceo accused of treachery in causing his betrayal into the hands of the Spanish troops, has written a letter to The Herald, in which he describes the death of General Maceo and the causes leading up to it, as follows, with the premise that he owes it to himself to state how the event happened:

"Medina, Cuba, December 18, 1896. Major General Antonio Maceo, at 5 o'clock p. m. December 18, accompanied by part of his general staff, namely, Generals Miro and Diaz, Colonels Nodarse and Goben, Majors Piedra, Justiz, Ahumada and Peralva, Captain Sauvanel and myself, a surgeon of headquarters general, with four hundred and fifty men, all cavalry, crossed the military line between Mariel and Majana at the former point. At 9 o'clock the following morning we joined some twenty-five cavalrymen belonging to Colonel Sartorius's command at Mosquito. On the 6th we started toward Baracoa."

"During our march some eighty men of Lieutenant Colonel Acosta's command were incorporated with our ranks. Together we went at 9 o'clock that night to the grazing farm—Potrero—San Pedro, between Rincon and Goben. There we met the forces under Brigadier Sanchez and Colonel delgado, numbering some 100 men, all cavalry. It was 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the next day when word came to our camp that the enemy's forces were moving in our direction, following the trail of the Potrero. We prepared for the engagement. The left flank was commanded by the general of division, Pedro Diaz. The right was under the command of Colonel delgado and Lieutenant Colonel Acosta. Brigadier Sanchez took command of the center. The fight was under way at 10 o'clock. The enemy was under Brigadier Miro, his assistant and myself started toward the battlefield. General Maceo moved forward to within 600 paces of a stone fence, behind which the enemy's infantry was entrenched. Brigadier Miro was to the right and I to the left of General Maceo. He raised his sword, and saying to Brigadier Miro, 'This goes well,' fell as if struck by lightning from the horse he was riding to the ground. A bullet had entered the right side of the chin, causing a fracture of the lower jaw in three places, coming out of the left lateral side at the base of the neck. The bullet in its course bore the carotid artery, bringing on a mortal hemorrhage, which caused death in a minute. The moment General Maceo was wounded I called for aid, and the entire staff came to my aid. He helped me with great bravery, under severe fire, to raise the body of my general. The trooper was at that moment wounded in the head. The bullets were pouring over my head, as I remained entrenched behind the general's horse, by the neck and at popular prices, too. The vision of the company will bring to Atlanta for the first time the cinematograph, the latest thing in the display. The instrument is said to surpass the vitascope and other instruments of that character, and some beautiful pictures will be shown."

The instrument is said to display with lightning like rapidity and great clearness some of the scenes of the battle of Mariel, and a special feature of the exhibition is an exhibition of some photographic scenes taken on the occasion of the coronation of the Russian czar last summer. Scenes on the Paris boulevard are also a feature of the entertainment."

A NEW LIGHT INSTRUMENT.

Cineograph will be seen with the Holmes and Wolford Comedy Company. The Holmes and Wolford Comedy Company will hold the boards at the Lyceum all next week and at popular prices, too. The vision of the company will bring to Atlanta for the first time the cinematograph, the latest thing in the display. The instrument is said to surpass the vitascope and other instruments of that character, and some beautiful pictures will be shown."

AT THE COLUMBIA.

The Vitascope and Vaudeville Company Give a Christmas Matinee. Atkinson's Jollities, with the vitascope and vaudeville in the Christmas matinee at the Columbia theater. These continuous performances are becoming very popular and the replacing of the heretofore long waits between the acts by vaudeville and good specialties is a pleasing feature of the show.

Many new pictures have been shown with the vitascope and the specialties, which are changed daily, are up to date and pleasing. "The dramatic bill will be The Little Heroine, every day."

"McFee's Matrimonial Bureau."

At the Grand last night "McFee's Matrimonial Bureau," a farce comedy, was presented for the first time in this city, and made a pleasing impression. The two principal parts were played by John Flaherty and Bob Conners, Irish comedians. They also did an amusing boxing specialty, and the play was a success. The company includes a number of pretty girls, and will be presented at a special Christmas matinee this afternoon and again tonight. It is an amusing play, and the audience closes Saturday night.

John Griffith.

Mr. John Griffith, a young tragic actor of real worth, is announced for the Grand next Monday and Tuesday, December 23rd and 24th, presenting on Monday night only a magnificent production of Shakespeare's tragic idyll, "Richard III." Mr. Griffith has this season added to his repertoire, and those lovers of the legitimate drama who attend will be treated to something new and original in conception. Mr. Griffith is conceded to be the greatest impersonator of Mephistopheles in Goethe's principal parts, and he is said to be his ambition to place his performance of the character of the German devil on a par with the impersonation of the Prince of Darkness. The press of every town where he has appeared in the character have been unanimous in his praise and credit him with a superior performance of the part. Mr. Griffith belongs, through undisputed genius, to that class of actors who are known only by the name of the part they play. In Richard he finds unlimited scope for his remarkable power of impersonation. The scenery requires a special credit for its beauty and grandeur, and is said to be the handsomest ever used in the tragedy.

On Tuesday, Monday and evening, Mr. Griffith will produce a spectacular version of "Faust."

At the Imperial.

On Monday night the great Flagg's Female Minstrels and Burlesque Company will open a one week's engagement at this popular house. This company has made a tremendous hit everywhere throughout the United States, and is said to be the handsomest of minstrel, burlesque and vaudeville.

Twenty or more artists, comprising the company, are reputed to be the very best in their respective specialties. Dorothy Clayton, England's queen of burlesque, heads this splendid company, which itself is a guarantee for a first-class performance.

Grand ballet, amusements, sparkling songs and variety will be found among the list of features.

ANTI-TRUST BILL IS SIGNED

GOVERNOR ATKINSON HAS PUT HIS NAME TO THIS ACT.

It Is Now a Law and All Trusts That Violate the Provisions Will Be Severely Dealt With.

Governor Atkinson has signed the anti-trust bill over which such a fight has been made during the time it was pending passage, and about which so much interest was created while it was before the governor awaiting his signature.

The bill is primarily opposed to trusts, and makes it unlawful for any set of men or anyone to form a compact or to enter into an agreement whereby competition will be lessened or which lessens the growth of home products.

It makes unlawful any act whereby the price of the article will be controlled in such a way that any one company or concern may demand the price it sees fit, and make all consumers pay the price asked by them or do without the desired article.

The bill further enacts that it shall be the duty of superior court judges to instruct grand juries as to the provisions of the act. A heavy penalty is fixed for the violation of this act, and the bill intends that those who violate its provisions shall be severely dealt with.

The signing of the bill definitely settles a question which has been talked of for some time, and takes from corporations the power which makes them trusts.

NORTHEASTERN BILL SIGNED

GOVERNOR APPROVES THE MEASURE FOR SALE OF ROAD.

He May Now Advertise the Property of the Road and Sell It for Not Less Than \$287,000.

Governor Atkinson has approved the Northeastern railroad bill. The measure provides for the sale of the road after it has been advertised thirty days by the governor.

The bill was originally introduced in the house of representatives by Mr. Armstrong, of Wilkes county, and it was the subject of considerable discussion in that body. The bill passed in its original form, but was reconsidered and again referred to the committee on railroads, at the request of certain parties who opposed the proposed sale.

After further considering the bill the committee presented a substitute measure, changing the terms on which the road is to be sold. The bill finally passed, and is now a law, the governor is authorized to advertise the road for sale for four weeks and can then put it up to bring not less than \$287,000, the value of the state's interest in the line.

The terms provided are that the purchaser pays \$50,000 cash and the balance in one, two, three, four and five years in equal annual payments. The securities are to bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. The title of the road is to remain with the state until all of the payments are made and at the expiration of the five years, or sooner, if all the purchase price is paid, the title is to be transferred to the state's rights and title in the road to the buyers.

It is understood that certain parties desire to purchase the road, and it is a line from Augusta to Chattanooga. The prospective purchasers are said to desire to buy the line in a short time, and the people in Augusta and Chattanooga and along the prospective line are watching the course of events in connection with the disposition of the road.

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NEW CAPTAIN BROWN

Lieutenant Brown, U. S. A., Receives a Promotion from War Department.

HE WILL REMAIN IN GEORGIA

Although It Was at One Time Feared That He Would Have To Return to His Regiment.

Lieutenant Oscar J. Brown, of the United States army, who is now detailed here in Atlanta, has been promoted to a captain. The promotion dates from December 11th, since which time he has ranked as captain of the first cavalry.

Captain Brown was detailed to this place about two years ago as assistant adjutant and inspector general of Georgia and since that time he has been steadily growing in favor, not only among the military, but likewise with the people of the state, until now he is regarded as the most universally popular man in military life in Georgia.

Captain Brown was appointed to a cadetship in West Point by Judge Bigby and entered the academy as a Georgia boy. He is related to some of the best families in the state and has always been identified with Georgia.

Captain Brown went through the academy with marked credit both to himself and his state, and upon graduation was assigned to the first cavalry and entered upon active service under the frontier. Captain Brown has served at military posts in the states of Oregon, California.

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TODAY'S HORSE RACES.

Fourteen Entries for the Three Events at Piedmont Park.

There are now quartered in the forestry building at the exposition grounds some of the best horses in the country. The imported stallion, Lord Henry, and his beautiful son, Joe Glare, are comfortably situated in the western portion of the building, while in the eastern part is stabled the Charleston contingent, consisting of Miss Modred, Hands Off and Lady Teacher, while the many local horses are in different portions of the mammoth building.

The harness race will doubtless be the drawing card on the programme. Mr. George O. Biles of Cartersville, has entered his black gelding, Black Pilot, 2:28, Mr. Bob Williams, of Athens, with the highly bred bay colt, Will Go, 2:23, and P. D. Thornton's great three-year-old, McField, and this will undoubtedly be the betting event of the day.

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HOLIDAY MARKETS

Bank of Trading in Stocks Done Yesterday Before Noon.

CLOSED A FRACTION HIGHER

Cotton Showed Stubbornness and Closed the Same as Thursday. Wheat Closed at Advance.

New York, December 24.—The stock market was a sort of holiday affair. As quotations from London came higher and there was a considerable local short interest in the market prices ruled on a somewhat higher range during the greater part of the session. The improvement in the usually prominent shares was equal to 1/4 to 1/2 per cent, but toward the close a part of the advance was lost because of the failure of the Calumet Steel bank, of Blue Island, Ill. In the late reaction Manhattan and Chicago Gas were most prominent. The former receding 1 and the latter 1/2 per cent. In a few of the specialties sharp fluctuations occurred. United States Rubber common rose 1/4 to 25/32 on the declaration of the dividend of 2 per cent by the directors yesterday, but the preferred, which opened at 77 1/2, ex-dividend, subsequently declined 7/8. Delaware and Hudson recovered 3 points to 121. Consolidated Gas, on the agitation for a reduction in the price to consumers from 14 to 12 1/2 cents per thousand feet, receded to 120 1/2, and after rallying to 121 1/2, receded to 121. Long Island, on the circulation of unfavorable rumors concerning the financial condition of the company, dropped 3 to 42 1/2, and was offered as low as 37 1/2, before 3 1/2 Wheeling and Lake Erie was higher on a statement by President Blair to the stockholders, in which he called attention to the improvement made in the physical condition of the road, the opening up of new coal mines on the line of the property and a new trucking arrangement with the Columbus, Sandusky and Hooking Railroad Company, which the president said, will insure to the benefit of the Washington and Lake Erie. The total transactions were only 65,848 shares and the bulk of the business was done before noon. Speculation advanced 1/4 to 1/2 per cent, the latter in St. Paul and Quincy. Consolidated Gas was an exception and closed 3 per cent lower. The sales found up 470,000.

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BAILEY NOT HELD PAPA DEFIED AGAIN

Negro Suspected of Waters' Murder Released Yesterday.

THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE

Solicitor Hill Orders the Prisoner Turned Out of Jail.

WAS TAKEN DIRECTLY TO NEWTON COUNTY

Warrant Against Adolphus Bailey There for Murder, but This Negro Probably Wrong Man.

Adolphus Bailey, the negro who has been locked in Fulton county jail for several weeks charged with the murder of William Waters, has been exonerated of the charge and was released yesterday afternoon.

When Ed Morgan and George Perdue, the other two who circumstantial evidence seemed to implicate in the crime, were turned loose, Solicitor Hill ordered Bailey held for further investigation. There has never been any very damaging evidence against him, however, and after four weeks of fruitless search for incriminating testimony, Mr. Hill ordered the negro released on his own recognizance.

In the order the solicitor states that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant the negro being held, and while the charge has not been formally dismissed against him, he was released on his own recognizance.

But while Bailey has been cleared of one charge of murder, another has bobbed up against him and he is still in the custody of the law. A warrant has been standing against Adolphus Bailey nearly a year in Newton county, where he is charged with murdering another negro near Covington last Christmas.

Taken to Newton County. Therefore, no sooner was Bailey released from Fulton county jail yesterday afternoon than the sheriff of Newton county was on hand to take charge of him. The officer left with his prisoner last night at 6 o'clock for Covington, where he will be tried at the next regular term of court before Judge Chandler, at whose instance the transfer was made.

When Bailey left the city he was in good spirits. He says he is not wanted in Newton county for murder, as he never killed a man there in his life. It is believed by the local authorities that Bailey is innocent of this second charge, and the evidence against him, if there is any at all, is very weak.

As soon as the Newton county authorities heard Bailey was under arrest here for the murder of Waters, they immediately notified the Atlanta authorities that a man of that name answering the same description, was wanted there for murder; and also requested that if Bailey was released on the local charge he be held until an officer from Covington could arrive.

One day last week the sheriff of Newton county, who claims he knew Bailey, called at Fulton county jail to identify him as the man who had been in the killing. Dubanks had the prisoner brought into the corridor with several other prisoners, but Newton's sheriff, after carefully surveying the prisoners, promptly stated that Bailey was not in the gang.

Bailey was there, and it naturally follows the wrong man is being held. The sheriff explained his mistake from the possibility of Bailey's having changed in the last year beyond recognition.

Probably the Wrong Man. Last Monday afternoon Mr. Frank Walker called at the jail and pronounced Bailey not the man wanted in Newton county. He stated the Adolphus Bailey, who murdered the negro near Covington, lives on the outskirts of Atlanta and is an entirely different man.

This leaves the murder of William Waters, who was found with the top of his head blown off on the Humphries road five miles from the city eight weeks ago, a profounder mystery than ever. The detectives who make the case their life's work are confident the three negroes arrested did the deed, but were unable to convict them.

CULBERSON ON POLITICS.

The Governor of Texas Reviews the Democratic Situation.

From The St. Louis Republic.

Governor Charles A. Culbertson, of Texas, who was recently re-elected to the governorship, is in St. Louis, on his way home from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been since the election with his wife, who is there for her health. In conversation with a reporter for The Republic yesterday at the Planters, Governor Culbertson spoke freely of the present election in its effect upon the democratic party, both in the union and in Texas.

"While all loyal democrats are disappointed and regret the defeat of the national ticket," he said, "yet the result of the campaign is gratifying in many respects and the ultimate good to the party is unmistakable. In the first place, the national democracy has been steered away from republicanism and plutocracy and an old fashioned democratic platform adopted. That the party should have sincerely and boldly declared its ancient faith in the essential principles of manhood liberties, for radical reduction of public expenditures, against banks of issue, for an income tax and a purely revenue tariff, against trusts and combinations, against the insidious encroachments of the federal judiciary, which Jefferson warned us, for the preservation of jury trials in those courts, and for the immediate and unconditional restoration of bimetallicism, is in itself a splendid party achievement. It gives renewed confidence to the rank and file of democracy and finds enthusiastic approval in thousands of patriotic men who have heretofore voted with other parties. Thousands had been driven out of the party, the national administration and patronage and national organization were in control of the gold men, and when all these facts and difficulties were considered many democrats at the time believed that this reatement of democratic truth was all that could be reasonably expected in one campaign. Since the congress is antagonistic and he would be unable to enforce his policies, the defeat of Bryan is not an unmitigated evil, for the hurtful effects of republican and present policies and continued industrial depression as the result would have been voted against by the people. In 1894 the financial measures of the present administration were submitted to the people, and the house of representatives then elected stands 253 republicans, 95 democrats, 19 populists and three vacancies. At the recent election these measures were sharply antagonized by the democracy and there were elected to the house 205 republicans, 134 democrats and 15 populists showing a decided gain for democracy under the present leadership.

"What's two-cent postage stamps worth?" "They are worth 2 cents," replied the postmaster.

"Oh, you can beat that, shorly. Can't you gimme one stamp an' a postal kyard fer 2 cents?"

"No."

"You say stamps hain't gone down a bit?"

"Not a bit."

"An' cotton an' corn an' everything plum down to nuthin'?"

"We can't help that."

"Why I paid 4 cents fer stamps when cotton wuz 9 cents an' wheat 21!"

"That's all true."

"An' you ain't goin' to cut down a bit on 'em?"

"Not a bit."

"This is jest simply a plum outrage. I'll go clean to Possum Trot an' quit patinkin' in' your blamed office. I know I kin git stamps right from them. They'll gimme a good, fresh, white stock stamp an' a chaw of good backer fer 2 cents. I don't perpose to be robbed in broad open daylight, if I know myself. You've had a grindin' monopoly here for years, an' now you want to be goin' to stand it, anyhow. You hev jest ground 'em an' ground 'em with extortionate prices, till the fast thing you know some 'commodatin' feller will start up an' other postoffice in this town an' bust you higher'n a kite. See if they don't!"

At the Punkinvine Postoffice.

From The Calhoun Times.

He had a wilderness of red board and his sharp eyes showed great determination as he looked in at the postoffice window and asked:

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How Two Young People Overcame Parental Objections Last Sunday.

HIS OBJECTIONS CUT NO ICE

Mr. Petty Steals Miss Simmerly and They Are Married in Western Heights and Receive Blessing.

A very pretty story, the main part of which occurred last Sunday and which involves love, courtship, parental objections and finally an elopement, has just leaked out. The young lady in the case is Miss Ola Simmerly, who, until last Sunday, lived with her father, Mr. I. S. Simmerly, at 266 Frazier street, and the young man who grew so bold as to steal his bride is Mr. J. E. Petty, who is well known in the city and is an employee of the American Upholstering Company.

The young lady is very pretty and consequently had, before her marriage, a number of admirers, who paid her court for many months. But all of the young

On account of dull trade and pressure of creditors Mr. Charles H. Simon, the Whitehall street merchant, yesterday filed a number of mortgages in the superior court.

Later in the day an application for receiver was filed by Attorneys Rosser & Carter, representing creditors to the amount of several thousand dollars. The case will come up for a hearing before Judge Lumpkin in chambers, when he will hear argument from the attorneys who are engaged in the case and will decide whether or not a receiver should be appointed to take charge of the assets.

Mr. Simon is well known to the retail trade of the city, having been in business

for a number of years here. He was until recently a member of the firm of Simon & Frohne, but has been conducting a business of his own for quite awhile.

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CREDITORS THEN FILE A BILL

Attributes His Financial Troubles to Dull Trade and the Pressure Made for Collections.

On account of dull trade and pressure of creditors Mr. Charles H. Simon, the Whitehall street merchant, yesterday filed a number of mortgages in the superior court.

Later in the day an application for receiver was filed by Attorneys Rosser & Carter, representing creditors to the amount of several thousand dollars. The case will come up for a hearing before Judge Lumpkin in chambers, when he will hear argument from the attorneys who are engaged in the case and will decide whether or not a receiver should be appointed to take charge of the assets.

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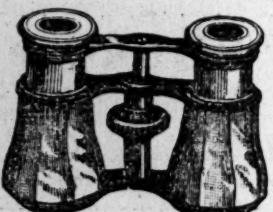
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BARNES'S BUSY DAYS

Sheriff and His Deputies Are Preparing
to Vacate Their Office.

CHANGE OCCURS WEDNESDAY

In Checking Over the Old Books and
Papers Many Ancient Stories
Are Brought to Light.

Sheriff J. J. Barnes and his entire office
of deputies and clerks are busily engaged
in making arrangements for the change
of office which come on the first of the
new year. Yesterday they worked from
early in the morning until late in the after-
noon taking down musty and dusty pa-
pers, the accumulation of years, searching
through records and diving into books and
straightening out the office.

Today the office will be closed and every-
body connected with the office will take
the day off, but early tomorrow morning
the work will be commenced again with
renewed energy and continued until the
papers and records are arranged so that
the successors will have no difficulty in
finding what is wanted.

"When the end of the year comes," said
Sheriff Barnes yesterday, "my office will
be in excellent condition, for we have been
busy in getting the books and papers ar-
ranged up to date. Since we have begun
this work many old papers have come to
light which have recalled interesting cases
that have long since been forgotten by the
public. Now and then we run against
some dingy paper which has been on file
and undisturbed for years. It is something
like going through old graveyard and
reading the names inscribed upon tomb-
stones that have for years been forgotten."

In going through the old books that have
been quietly resting in the bottom of the
big safe the deputies find records of cases
which were once famous in the courthouse.
On the files are rewards offering for the
arrest of noted criminals and in the cabi-
nets are papers showing where murders
and robberies have been committed many
years ago.

Sheriff Barnes has been holding the office
of sheriff two terms of two years each,
but prior to his election as sheriff he was
a deputy in the office during the adminis-
tration of Sheriff Thomas. With him as
one of his oldest deputies is Mr. Mike
Blount, but both have been frequently re-
minded this week of cases they had long
ago forgotten.

Next Wednesday morning the office will
be turned over by Sheriff Barnes to Dr.
Neils and the change will go into effect
at once. Until that time Sheriff Barnes
will be very busy in getting the affairs of
the office in the condition in which he
hopes to have them when the change is
made.

"The office of the sheriff of a county as
large and important as Fulton county,"
said Sheriff Barnes yesterday, "is one in
which there are many details and com-
plications. The litigation has been steady-
ly increasing and there are so many dif-
ferent accounts and complicated books of
record that must be kept. But I hope to
have everything in such a condition that
a perfect stranger could come into the
office at midnight and put his hand on
just the paper that might be wanted. That
is the way I want the office to be when
I turn it over to Dr. Neils and his
deputies."

Ordinary Calhoun Goes Out.

On the first of the new year Ordinary
Calhoun will vacate his office in favor of
Colonel Hulse, the successful candidate
in the recent county election. When
Judge Calhoun leaves his office
next Wednesday, it will be the first time
in sixteen years that he has been absent
any considerable length of time. Just
sixteen years ago he was elected ordinary
of the county, which position he has held
with credit and satisfaction. On account
of the length of the terms of office to
which he has been elected, Judge Calhoun
has been regarded as one of the permanent
fixtures at the courthouse.

"I have been in office as ordinary of the
county for four terms," said he yesterday.
"This means that I have been here in this
office just sixteen years, which is a long
time when you look back into the past. I
have tried to discharge my duty at all
times as best I could and in this itself
affords me a good deal of pleasure."

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blood, and the peculiar efficacy which
Hood's Sarsaparilla has in this direction,
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SECOND CHILD DIES.

Sad Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. R. D.
Greer.

This will be a sad Christmas in the
family of R. D. Greer, of 17 Warren Place.
Little Greer, the eighteen-months-old in-
fant of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Greer died yes-
terday morning at their residence, 17 War-
ren Place. The death of the infant was
entirely unexpected by its parents; the
cause was membranous croup.

This is the second death that has occur-
red in this family this week. The first oc-
curred last Monday, the eldest child of Mr.
and Mrs. Greer, a child of three years,
died of the same disease. The infant which died yesterday
was the last child of the bereaved parents.
One week ago their home was filled with
the laughter and prattle of their little ones,
but now they have passed away and in
the place of paternal pride and joy is to
be found only sorrow.

There is a sad Christmas and one far
different from what was expected. The
funeral services will be held at the resi-
dence this morning at 11 o'clock and the
interment will be at Westview cemetery.

CONSIDERED SMALLPOX CASE.

Meeting of the Board of Health Held
Yesterday Afternoon.

The board of health met yesterday af-
ternoon and discussed the smallpox situa-
tion. The meeting was not occasioned by
reason of any new and sensational devel-
opments, but was held for the purpose of
considering certain measures which the
board deemed advisable to adopt in order
to prevent any further appearance of the
disease in the city.

We are not the least bit apprehensive
of any danger from smallpox here in At-
lanta," said Dr. J. F. Alexander, president
of the board, "for the one case we now
have on hand properly isolated, and all
persons who have in any way been ex-
posed have been vaccinated, and in my
opinion the two poisons will have such a
useful time in the case will the patient
break out or have the usual smallpox
eruption. If any of the suspects should
be infected with the germs of smallpox
I do not think there would be anything
but fever. A person who develops a case
of smallpox after vaccination could hard-
ly give it to others, and every single in-
dividual who has been exposed has already
been vaccinated.

"The board is on the alert, however, and
if any new cases should be introduced we
are in a position to handle the disease so
as to prevent it from spreading."

Going West?

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CUT FOR SOLICITORS

A Bill Which Affects the Income of All
State Solicitors.

NOW BEFORE THE GOVERNOR

Its Provisions Will Play Sad Havoc
with the Fat Incomes of the
Solicitors General.

Governor Atkinson has before him for
consideration a bill which is of great im-
portance to every solicitor general and
every solicitor in the state of Georgia.
Besides being of importance to these
officials, the bill is one of great interest to
all citizens of Georgia.

The bill is entitled, "An act to provide
for the payment of costs of court in the
trial of misdemeanor cases in this state
and for other purposes."

The object of this bill is to regulate the
payment of the costs in misdemeanor
cases to the solicitor general or solicitor,
and provides that instead of his receiving
the costs heretofore allowed, they shall be
paid by the county treasurer.

The money to be paid them by the county
treasurer is to be taken from the funds
arising from the employment of convicts
which are paid into the county treasury
less the expense of the employment of the
convicts. In other words, the money to be
set aside as costs for the solicitors is not
to exceed the proceeds of the leasing of
the convicts, and if this money should be
inadequate for the purpose, there is no
provision for money with which to pay the
prosecuting attorneys.

If a solicitor, under the new act, were to
try a misdemeanor case and fail to con-
vict the man tried, there is no provision
made for the payment of the costs which
he should have received and would have
received under the present law.

As the matter now stands, if a solicitor
fails to convict a prisoner the costs he
would have received, had the man been
convicted, are what are known as insol-
vent costs. When a man is fined and pays
the fine, being convicted by the same so-
licitor, this solicitor receives from the
amount of the fine his insolvent costs.

The new law makes no provision for a
matter of this kind, and if construed cor-
rectly, would give to the solicitors and so-
licitor general only a bare living.

The bill is a short one and means a great
deal. It is given in full, as follows:

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costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor
cases in this state and for other pur-
poses.
Section 1. Be it enacted by the general
assembly of the state of Georgia, That
from and after the passage of this act,
the cost of the trial of all misdemeanor
cases in the courts of this state, including
the fees of the prosecuting attorneys, shall
be paid by the county treasurers out of the
general county fund, upon the approval of
the cost bills of the solicitor or solicitors
for said cost by the commissioners of roads
and revenues, or by the ordinary in those
counties that have no commissioners of
roads and revenues, provided the amount
so paid shall not exceed the proceeds aris-
ing from the employment of the convicts which
are paid into the county treasury less the
expenses of the employment of such con-
victs.

"Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, That
all laws and parts of laws in conflict with
this act be and the same are hereby re-
pealed."

This is the bill, and it will probably meet
with the disapproval of every solicitor and
solicitor general in the entire state. If
it were signed it might be expected that
resignations would come in, because in
many of the counties the solicitors could
not make a living were the costs paid in
the manner required by the bill.

Governor Atkinson has until tonight in
which to sign or veto the bill. He is giv-
ing it full consideration, and though he has
not decided what course he will take, there
is every possibility that he will sign the
first bill passed by the present general
assembly which the governor will veto.

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Excellent Charity Among the Negroes
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A home for colored orphans is to throw
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"Editor Constitution—Be it known to the
people of our race that the orphans' home
of the Colored United Friendly Society of
America will open her doors on January
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our race.

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"Home arrangements—We have two de-
partments, one for girls and the other for
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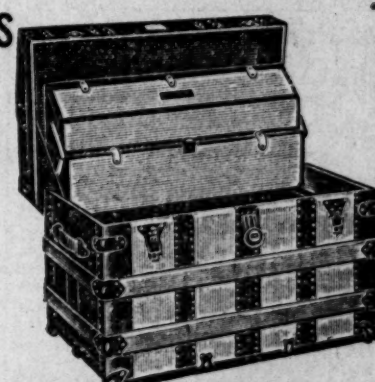
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BARNES'S BUSY DAYS

Sheriff and His Deputies Are Preparing to Vacate Their Office.

CHANGE OCCURS WEDNESDAY

In Checking Over the Old Books and Papers Many Ancient Stories Are Brought to Light.

Sheriff J. J. Barnes and his entire office of deputies and clerks are busily engaged in making arrangements for the change of office which come on the first of the new year. Yesterday they worked from early in the morning until late in the afternoon taking down notes and dusty papers, the accumulation of years, searching through records and diving into books and straightening out the office.

Today the office will be closed and everybody connected with the office will take the day off, but early tomorrow morning the work will be commenced again with renewed energy and continued until the papers and records are arranged so that the successors will have no difficulty in finding what is wanted.

"When the end of the year comes," said Sheriff Barnes yesterday, "my office will be in excellent condition, for we have been busy in getting the books and papers arranged up to date. Since we have begun this work many old papers have come to light which have recalled interesting cases that have long since been forgotten by the public. Now and then we run against some dingy paper which has been on file and undisturbed for years. It is something like going through an old graveyard and reading the names inscribed upon tombstones that have for years been forgotten."

In going through the old books that have been quietly reposing in the bottom of the big safe the deputies find records of cases which were once famous in the courthouse. On the files are rewards offering for the arrest of noted criminals and in the cabinets are papers showing where murders and robberies have been committed many years ago.

Sheriff Barnes has been holding the office of sheriff two terms of two years each, but prior to his election as sheriff he was a deputy in the office during the administration of Sheriff Thomas. With him as one of his oldest deputies is Mr. Mike Blount, but both have been frequently reminded this week of cases they had long ago forgotten.

Next Wednesday morning the office will be turned over by Sheriff Barnes to Dr. Nelms and the change will go into effect at once. Until that time Sheriff Barnes will be very busy in getting the affairs of the office in the condition in which he hopes to have them when the change is made.

"The office of the sheriff of a county as large and important as Fulton county," said Sheriff Barnes yesterday, "is one in which there are many details and complications. The litigation has been steadily increasing and there are so many different accounts and complicated books of record that must be kept. But I hope to have everything in such a condition that a perfect stranger could come into the office at midnight and put his hand on just the paper that might be wanted. That is the way I want the office to be when I turn it over to Dr. Nelms and his deputies."

Ordinary Calhoun Goes Out.
On the first of the new year Ordinary Calhoun will vacate his office in favor of Colonel Hulsey, the successful candidate in the recent county election.

When Judge Calhoun leaves his office next Wednesday, it will be the first time in sixteen years that he has been absent for a considerable length of time. Just sixteen years ago he was elected ordinary of the county, which position he has held with credit and satisfaction. On account of the length of the terms of office to which he has been elected, Judge Calhoun has been regarded as one of the permanent fixtures at the courthouse.

"I have been in office as ordinary of the county for four terms," said he yesterday. "This means that I have been here in this office just sixteen years, which is a long time when you look back into the past. I have tried to discharge my duty at all times as best I could and this in itself affords me a good deal of pleasure."

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SECOND CHILD DIES.
Sad Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Greer.

This will be a sad Christmas in the family of R. D. Greer of 37 Warren Place. Little Greer, the eighteen-months-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Greer died yesterday morning at their residence, 37 Warren Place. The death of the infant was entirely unexpected by its parents; the cause was membranous croup.

CUT FOR SOLICITORS

A Bill Which Affects the Income of All State Solicitors.

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Its Provisions Will Play Sad Havoc with the Fat Incomes of the Solicitors General.

Governor Atkinson has before him for consideration a bill which is of great importance to every solicitor in the state of Georgia. Besides being of importance to these officials, the bill is one of great interest to all citizens of Georgia.

The bill is entitled, "An act to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases in this state and for other purposes."

The object of this bill is to regulate the payment of the costs in misdemeanor cases to the solicitor general or solicitor, and provides that instead of his receiving the costs heretofore allowed, they shall be paid by the county treasurers.

The money to be paid them by the county treasurer is to be taken from the funds arising from the employment of convicts which are paid into the county treasury less the expense of the employment of the convicts. In other words, the money to be set aside as costs for the solicitors is not to exceed the proceeds of the leasing of the convicts, and if this money should be inadequate for the purpose, there is no provision for money with which to pay the prosecuting attorneys.

If a solicitor, under the new act, were to try a misdemeanor case and fail to convict the man tried, there is no provision made for the payment of the costs which he should have received and would have received under the present law.

As the matter now stands, if a solicitor fails to convict a prisoner the costs he would have received, had the man been convicted, are what are known as insolvent costs. When a man is fined and pays the fine, being convicted by the same solicitor, this solicitor receives from the amount of the fine his insolvent costs.

The new law makes no provision for a matter of this kind, and if construed correctly, would give to the solicitors and solicitor general only a bare living.

The bill is a short one, and is a great deal. It is given in full, as follows: "An act to provide for the payment of costs of court in the trial of misdemeanor cases in this state and for other purposes."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Georgia, That from and after the passage of this act, the cost of the trial of all misdemeanor cases in the courts of this state, including the fees of the prosecuting attorneys, shall be paid by the county treasurers out of the cost bills of said courts.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

This is the bill, and it will probably meet with the disapproval of every solicitor and solicitor general in the entire state. If it were signed it might be expected that resignations would come in, because in many of the counties the solicitors could not make a living were the costs paid in the manner required by the bill.

Governor Atkinson has until tonight in which to sign or veto the bill. It is giving it full consideration, and though he has not decided what course he will take, there is every possibility that he will veto the first bill passed by the present general assembly which the governor will veto.

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